

Dear Parents and Carers

1st January 2018

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas, and looking forward to an exciting year!

From this month, we will be introducing our cuddly toy 'Marty' that will go home with a different child each week. This is a chance for your child to share their learning at home and show Marty what they get up to at home. An information sheet will be given to you, along with Marty and his bag, and information on how to put your photographs onto his tapestry profile.

Thank you for your support, Rachel

Our theme for January is: **Winter**

Week	Activity	What learning will be promoted at Nursery	How you can support this learning at home
1 st January 2018	Recalling Christmas - Sharing with their friends what they received for Christmas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recalling family events with friends Drawing pictures to represent their Christmas presents 	Playing together with their new toys
8 th January 2018	Winter clothing - What clothes do we need to keep us warm in the cold weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using descriptive language to talk about winter 	Talk about similarities and differences between summer and winter clothing
15 th January 2018	Arctic animals - We will be learning about arctic animals and where they live and who hibernates in the winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about where different animals live, who lives in the arctic and who sleeps till spring? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talk about the different seasons Talk about where animals live
22 nd January 2018	Snowflakes - Making snowflakes using a variety of materials and use role playing scenarios using happy land and snow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manipulate materials using scissors to create snowflakes. Explore snow scenes through role playing 	Go on winter walks, can you see the ice on the floor, frozen spiders webs - print off the winter hunt sheet and make marks when you find them
29 th January 2018	British storytelling week - We will be reading lots of stories, listening to story CDs and look at story sacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will be celebrating storytelling by reading and listening to stories. If you would like to come in and read a story to the children please let me know 	Read lots of stories to your child and see if they can create their own
Forest Skills	Winter walk - Going on a winter walk in and around nursery. What can we hear? What can you see? How do we know it is winter?		